

Tuesday, May 2, 2000

GOES-L will ensure continuity of weather coverage over ocean



Emergency Preparedness Dept. urges getting ready for hurricane season

▲ **ELV Update:** The photo below shows the upper stage of the Atlas IIA rocket carrying the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) before being lifted up the gantry and mated with the lower stages. The GOES program is a cooperative effort between the NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Now called GOES-L, the satellite will be re-named NOAA GOES-11 once reaching geostationary orbit.



GOES-L is currently scheduled to launch from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station at 2:27 a.m. EDT May 3. The launch will be covered on NASA TV May 3 beginning at 1 a.m.

▲ **Hurricane Season** is one month away. Now is the time, urges the SGS Emergency Preparedness Dept., to finish last year's "to-do" list for hurricane preparation. Meteorologists are predicting a slightly above average season for hurricanes in 2000, with a 39 percent probability of one or more making landfall on the U.S. East Coast. Predicted are 11 named storms, with seven becoming hurricanes and three considered major. But it only takes one landfall to make a really bad hurricane season. For detailed information about hurricane procedures at KSC, check out the Web site:



http://sgs.ksc.nasa.gov/Prot_Services/docs/SGShurr2.pdf

◆ **RUDY Ruettiger**, the famous football player from Notre Dame will be making a special presentation for NASA KSC employees on May 26, from 1:30-3 p.m. in the Training Auditorium. The theme of his presentation is "It Starts with a Dream." Rudy is a highly sought-after motivational speaker and entertains audiences with a unique, passionate, and heartfelt style in communicating the powerful message of "Yes I Can." This is an excellent opportunity for NASA KSC personnel to observe this individual's enthusiasm, portraying the human spirit that comes from his personal experiences of adversity and triumph. The maximum number permitted in the Training Auditorium is 250, so attendance will be on a first come, first served basis. For information, please contact Bet Eldred, 867-9246.

◆ **LC39 Toastmasters Offers Invitation:** Does the thought of speaking in public make you break out in a cold sweat? Visit the LC39 Toastmasters club to learn how to conquer those fears. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month in the OSB, room 5204. Meetings are informal with an emphasis on "fun while you learn." *Guests are always welcome!* For information, please contact Jeanne Ann Phillips at 861-5762 or Jeff Ewald at 861-5461.

◆ **Did You Know?** May is High Blood Pressure month. During the month, onsite blood pressure checks will be available between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the following sites:
May 4 – CCAFS-Cape Cafeteria; *May 10* – CIF lobby; *May 11* – O&C lobby; *May 17* – KSC HQ lobby; *May 18* – OSB lobby; *May 24* – ITL Warehouse, CCAFS; *May 25* – SSPF Cafeteria; *May 31* – CX36 Site Support, CCAFS.
Countdown will provide reminders each week.

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Countdown on the Internet -- <http://www-pao.ksc.nasa.gov/kscpao/ksccount/2000/2000.htm>